



State of Indiana

Indiana Land Resources Council

Joseph E. Kernan, Governor ■ Katherine L. Davis, Lt. Governor ■ Joe Tutterrow, Executive Director

Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2004

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Joe Pearson
Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Sam Smith
Don Strietelmeier
Eric Damian Kelly

Members Absent:

None

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Darren Jaynes

Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. local time.

Assistant Commissioner Pearson asked for a moment of silence in memory and honor of former Governor Robert Orr.

Senator Robert Jackman and Senator David Ford discussed Senate Bill 362. They offered suggestions on what can be done to enhance the chances of success, as well as the possibility of strengthening proposed legislation.

Assistant Commissioner Pearson acknowledged Senator Ford's leadership and long-term commitment to the issue of farmland protection and Senator Jackman's efforts to move SB 362 through the 2004 General Assembly.

Eric Kelly moved and Riely O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2004 meeting of the Indiana Land Resources Council. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council conducted a working session on a Smart Growth Outline for Indiana. Eric Kelly authored the first draft of the outline and led the discussion on changes, additions, and clarifications to the document. Kelly offered to incorporate the discussion into a second draft of the outline. The Council agreed by consensus to allow Kelly to proceed with the document.

Harrison County Commissioner Jim Heitkemper gave a presentation on Harrison County's land protection initiative. Other people representing Harrison County included Jerry Dryden, Jim Klinestiver and Karen Dearlove. The Board of County Commissioners of Harrison County have created the "Farm, Forest and Open Space Task Force" and request the Indiana Land Resources Council fill one of the ex-officio seats. After discussion, Don Strietelmeier moved and Bob Guernsey seconded the motion to identify Sam Smith as the ILRC's primary representative on the local task force. Other council members can provide support as necessary and appropriate. The motion passed unanimously.

Fish and Wildlife Biologist Forest Clark from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided an update on the Indiana Biodiversity Initiative.

Darren Jaynes, Land Resources Specialist with the Indiana Land Resources Council, provided an overview of various construction-related issues and their relation to land use.

The Council discussed the May 25th meeting in Hendricks County. They identified issues that they would like to see discussed at the May meeting.

Joe Tutterrow, Executive Director of the Indiana Land Resources Council, provided an activity update of the director's activities since the January 20, 2004 meeting.

With no additional business, Sam Smith motioned and Mary McConnell seconded the motion to dismiss the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Tutterrow
Executive Director, Indiana Land Resources Council